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I called the airport and talked to security and the operations office. They thanked me for the information and have my number and email for further contact regarding communications. The people I talked to said there would be no problem....  
....but they want to know about "strange" busses coming to pick up people. They want to stage them away from the terminal and control where they pick up people. I promised to pass this information on to you...perhaps someone has already done that.

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We sat up a link between the KC airport repeater and my house south of Manhattan on Sunday. The link was in St. Marys. Communication was OK but there was not much of a margin. I'm about 3 miles from the Holiday Inn and that simplex link seems to be fine. I was unable to make reliable contact from inside the HI to my house with 300 mW and the stubby antenna on the little Alinco "credit card" radio. We may want to have a mobile rig and small antenna by the registration desk or in an office. People could still use HTs and listen to the incoming traffic and talk with registration.

We are still thinking about using a link at Oskaloosa. Tom will check to see if his radio can be used as a cross-band repeater. I found out that many dual band radios can but it's not advertised. Mine will with a slight modification. I can't hear Tom in Oskaloosa reliably on 440 MHz so we'd need to add another link.

MCI - Oskaloosa - St. Marys - Norm - HI.

That would mean that we'd need a 440 rig at the HI. This would be the most reliable from a signal standpoint even though we'd have more equipment in line. That might work out since we could have local communication through the ksu 2 meter repeater and use 440 locally for the link.

Our contact from the "MCI repeater" said that one of their members works for TWA and there are parts of the terminals where the repeater doesn't work on an HT but if you get near the windows there is no problem. He also suggested that we should let the airport security know what we're doing so they don't get nervous seeing people talking on radios for hours. Will there be a desk set up at the Air Port or just a sign for people to see? They're happy to have us use the repeater.

It looks like we'll be able to have a link set up but we're not sure exactly which one it will be. Now I feel comfortable recruiting hams to act as control operators on each end.

Full speed ahead!!!!!!

PS. I may stop by the airport and talk with security Friday evening on my way to the airport.

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I may be gone when you next try to phone tag me.

I have not been able to contact Tom to conduct a test to see if we can get a 440 link to my tower on the hill. The fellow I wanted to use between Tom and Manhattan is going to be out of town. If Tom is sick or something it will be much more difficult to link the repeaters. I don't think I have time to set up a station HF or otherwise at the airport. I'd say the probability is 50% at this time that we will get the right players on the floor at the same time.....so make your travel plans for your convenience.

PS if you want to come early that would be fine. By the way, I'll offer you a car and a bed if you'd like to stay at our place. Actually, we have three extra beds if you want to bring a couple more people.

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> Eddie, I left a voice mail message asking if I could help Wednesday  
> at the Convention. One idea was to set up an amateur radio link from  
> the airport to HQ there in Manhattan. Bennett  
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Bennett - I am sorry for not getting back with you sooner, but I  
wanted to talk with Norm Dillman about what might be needed and then  
what we might be able to do.

I think our biggest need is to have good communications between the  
Holidome and KCI airport.

Would you call Norm and discuss with him his ideas and what might be  
feasible?

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Your offer of help is certainly appreciated.

Talk to you later.

Eddie